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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s) : Berghof et al.  
Serial No. : 09/485,434  
For : **NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULE SET FOR  
DETECTING SALMONELLA NUCLEIC  
ACIDS, KIT AND USE**  
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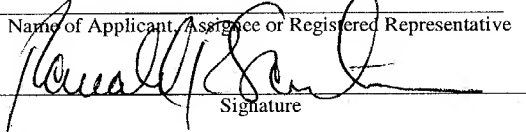
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**RESPONSE AFTER FINAL ACTION**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION**  
**WITH REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the May 7, 2002 final Office Action, having a three month period set for reply.

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136(a), a two month extension of the term for reply, i.e., to up to and including October 7, 2002. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee of \$200.00 (small entity), required under 1.17(a), and any additionally required fee for the extension, or any other fee occasioned by this paper, or credit any overpayment in such fees, to

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